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Honorable C. W. "Bill" Lewis  
Arizona State Representative  
State Capitol  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: 77-81 (R77-127)

Dear Representative Lewis:

You have asked our advice whether the present liquor laws mandating the closure of all local pubs at 1:00 A.M. constitutes invidious (and therefore unconstitutional) discrimination against those citizens working night shifts who desire to avail themselves of the same refreshment as those who work normal daytime hours.

The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held that in the area of health and welfare, Legislatures have broad latitude to pass regulations such as these. My conclusion is reinforced by the specific provisions of the Twenty-first Amendment.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Babbitt", is written over a horizontal line.

Bruce E. Babbitt  
Attorney General

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